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1st GREAT NEWS FROM THE North of England;

BEING A

DETECTION

OF A LATE

Plot, (or Conspiracy:)

Against the Present Government.

19. April. 1690.

A sham thing. LICENS'D, And Entered according to Order.

HIS Most Sacred Majesty, King **William**, ever since His Accession to the Imperial Crown of these Realms (rightly considering, that Mercy is one of the most splendidst Gems, that truly adorns a Crown) has extended his Clemency even to the greatest of Offenders; Amongst a number of other Instances, particularly to the Officers and Souldiers of the Lord *Dunbarton*'s Regiment, after every Soul of them had forfeited their Lives, by their Notorious *Defect* or rather *Rebellion*, near the Isle of *Ely*; And his Majesties so often recommending to the *Last Parliament*, and his taking Care to have presented to the *Present*, *a Bill of Indemnity*, that, if possible, He would oblige the most Obdurate of his Subjects, to Acts of Loyalty and Obedience; yet, notwithstanding all this Princely Condescension, 'tis too too plain and evident, that there are many *Roman Catholicks*, and other *Jacobites*, so notoriously disaffected to our present happy Constitution, that they are not to be allowed, or drawn by the Chords of Mercy and Clemency; which is plainly demonstrated from their late detected **secret Cabals**, and **Treasonable Conspiracies** in the **North of England**, **to** disturb the Government in His Majesty's Absence; but let them have a care, least it should befall them, what the Lord Chief Justice *Scroggs* told *Coleman*, *ne Catalus qui dem relinquendus*; for Orders are already gon down to have several taken into Custody.

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Likewiſe, their almoſt daily Paper **Plots**, or **Treaſonable** Pamphlets, which by their **Factors** they **ſecretly diſperſe**, to endeavour, if poſſible, to poyſon the Minds of many of His Majeſty's **well-meaning** Leige People; for the prevention, in ſome Meaſure, of the ſaid **deſign** of theirs, I reccommend the Reader to the following Admonitions.

How much *Europe* in general, and this Kingdom in particular, has ſuffered by the Bloody Zeal of Furious and Cruel *Papiſts*, is known to every man of common Underſtanding amongſt Us; Therefore it behoves Us, of this Nation, to conſider our Danger and former Sufferings, and grow ſo Wiſe, as not to run the ſame Hazard again, as we were lately like to be brought into, in the Days of *James* the II; or truſt they will prove more kind, than they have been heretofore; We may aſſure our Selves, if Experience has not taught us to uſe all means to avoid their Cruelty, it has now taught them, how more effectually to work our Deſtruction. All the Repentance that ever I heard they have ſhewn, is, only that they did not more throughly Root out their Adverſaries, when they had the Power in their own Hands; and that is all we muſt look for, if ever God, for our Sins, ſhould ſuffer Abdicated King *James* to prevail again. For, whatever fair or ſpecious Pretences may be alledged againſt our preſent happy Conſtitution and Settlement, by the *Jacobites*, and other more Slyer Enemies. King *James*'s General *Liberty of Conſcience* was but the Guilded Bait to delude us; 'Twas really our *Religion*, our *Eſtates*, *Liberties*, *Lives* and *Fortunes*, which that **Prince**, and his *Popiſh Crew* thirſted after; For if ever they ſhould prevail, the *Liberty* they promiſe us, would end in *Slavery*, the *Wealth* in *Beggary*, and the *Happineſs* in *Confuſion*. The Horrour of Queen *MARY*'s Days, the ſeveral **Bloody Plots** and **Conſpiracies** in Queen *Elizabeths*, and King *James* the Firſt, the Maſſacre in *France*, and the **Rebellion** and Horrid Maſſacre in *Ireland*, 1641. are not yet blotted out of our Minds; and the late and Inhumane bloody Practices of King *James*, and his bloody *French* and *Iriſh* Crew, ſince his Landing *There*, we have daily Inſtances of almoſt before our Eyes; neither have we forgot the lamentable Miſeries and Deſtructions of our late *Civil Wars*, which were chiefly fomented and ſtirred up by them.

If therefore the Preſervation of our Holy Reform'd *Religion*, our *Eſtates*, *Lives* and *Fortunes*, the Benefit of our *Poſterity*, the true *Peace* of the *Kingdom*, the preventing of *Popery*, *Atheſm*, and *Confuſion*, and the common Rules of *Juſtice*, be any Motives to work upon Us, I hope, it will be the Endeavours, and conſtant Care of all true *Engliſh-men*, to keep out *Tyranny* and *Popery*, and heartily maintain the *Religion* and *Government*, which is now eſtabliſhed amongſt Us.

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